

106TH CONGRESS  
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## AN ACT

To preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor  
and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide  
assistance.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR.—The term “Route 66  
4 corridor” means structures and other cultural re-  
5 sources described in paragraph (3), including—

6 (A) public land within the immediate vicin-  
7 ity of those portions of the highway formerly  
8 designated as United States Route 66; and

9 (B) private land within that immediate vi-  
10 cinity that is owned by persons or entities that  
11 are willing to participate in the programs au-  
12 thorized by this Act.

13 (2) CULTURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS.—The  
14 term “Cultural Resource Programs” means the pro-  
15 grams established and administered by the National  
16 Park Service for the benefit of and in support of  
17 preservation of the Route 66 corridor, either directly  
18 or indirectly.

19 (3) PRESERVATION OF THE ROUTE 66 COR-  
20 RIDOR.—The term “preservation of the Route 66  
21 corridor” means the preservation or restoration of  
22 structures or other cultural resources of businesses,  
23 sites of interest, and other contributing resources  
24 that—

25 (A) are located within the land described  
26 in paragraph (1);

1 (B) existed during the route's period of  
2 outstanding historic significance (principally be-  
3 tween 1933 and 1970), as defined by the study  
4 prepared by the National Park Service and en-  
5 titled "Special Resource Study of Route 66",  
6 dated July 1995; and

7 (C) remain in existence as of the date of  
8 enactment of this Act.

9 (4) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means  
10 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the  
11 Cultural Resource Programs at the National Park  
12 Service.

13 (5) STATE.—The term "State" means a State  
14 in which a portion of the Route 66 corridor is lo-  
15 cated.

16 **SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in collaboration  
18 with the entities described in subsection (c), shall facilitate  
19 the development of guidelines and a program of technical  
20 assistance and grants that will set priorities for the preser-  
21 vation of the Route 66 corridor.

22 (b) DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS.—The Secretary  
23 shall designate officials of the National Park Service sta-  
24 tioned at locations convenient to the States to perform the

1 functions of the Cultural Resource Programs under this  
2 Act.

3 (c) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—The Secretary shall—

4 (1) support efforts of State and local public and  
5 private persons, nonprofit Route 66 preservation en-  
6 tities, Indian tribes, State Historic Preservation Of-  
7 fices, and entities in the States for the preservation  
8 of the Route 66 corridor by providing technical as-  
9 sistance, participating in cost-sharing programs, and  
10 making grants;

11 (2) act as a clearinghouse for communication  
12 among Federal, State, and local agencies, nonprofit  
13 Route 66 preservation entities, Indian tribes, State  
14 Historic Preservation Offices, and private persons  
15 and entities interested in the preservation of the  
16 Route 66 corridor; and

17 (3) assist the States in determining the appro-  
18 priate form of and establishing and supporting a  
19 non-Federal entity or entities to perform the func-  
20 tions of the Cultural Resource Programs after those  
21 programs are terminated.

22 (d) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this Act, the Sec-  
23 retary may—

1           (1) enter into cooperative agreements, includ-  
2           ing, but not limited to study, planning, preservation,  
3           rehabilitation and restoration;

4           (2) accept donations;

5           (3) provide cost-share grants and information;

6           (4) provide technical assistance in historic pres-  
7           ervation; and

8           (5) conduct research.

9           (e) PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide  
11           assistance in the preservation of the Route 66 cor-  
12           ridor in a manner that is compatible with the idio-  
13           syncratic nature of the Route 66 corridor.

14           (2) PLANNING.—The Secretary shall not pre-  
15           pare or require preparation of an overall manage-  
16           ment plan for the Route 66 corridor, but shall co-  
17           operate with the States and local public and private  
18           persons and entities, State Historic Preservation Of-  
19           fices, nonprofit Route 66 preservation entities, and  
20           Indian tribes in developing local preservation plans  
21           to guide efforts to protect the most important or  
22           representative resources of the Route 66 corridor.

23 **SEC. 3. RESOURCE TREATMENT.**

24           (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop  
2           a program of technical assistance in the preservation  
3           of the Route 66 corridor.

4           (2) GUIDELINES FOR PRESERVATION NEEDS.—

5                 (A) IN GENERAL.—As part of the program  
6                 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall estab-  
7                 lish guidelines for setting priorities for preser-  
8                 vation needs.

9                 (B) BASIS.—The guidelines under sub-  
10                paragraph (A) may be based on national reg-  
11                ister standards, modified as appropriate to meet  
12                the needs for preservation of the Route 66 cor-  
13                ridor.

14          (b) PROGRAM FOR COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—

15                (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall coordi-  
16                nate a program of historic research, curation, pres-  
17                ervation strategies, and the collection of oral and  
18                video histories of events that occurred along the  
19                Route 66 corridor.

20                (2) DESIGN.—The program under paragraph  
21                (1) shall be designed for continuing use and imple-  
22                mentation by other organizations after the Cultural  
23                Resource Programs are terminated.

24          (c) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall—

- 1           (1) make cost-share grants for preservation of  
2           the Route 66 corridor available for resources that  
3           meet the guidelines under subsection (a); and  
4           (2) provide information about existing cost-  
5           share opportunities.

6 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7           There are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000  
8           for the period of fiscal years 2000 through 2009 to carry  
9           out the purposes of this Act.

          Passed the Senate March 25, 1999.

          Attest:

*Secretary.*

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